

1 47. (Amended Herein-Fourth Amendment) A method for decorative
2 enhancement of a polyethylene surface of a molded polyethylene article, which
3 method comprises the steps of:

4 (a) combining a decorative enhancement composition and
5 said polyethylene surface wherein said decorative
6 enhancement composition consists essentially of:
7 (1) an inert organic solvent that provides the
8 decorative enhancement composition with a
9 consistency and viscosity for liquid methods of
10 application;
11 (2) a colorant to impart a surface color;
12 (3) a binder solid selected from the class consisting of
13 aromatic and aliphatic hydrocarbon resins, waxes,
14 rosins, and terpene-based resins; and
15 (4) polyethylene powder; and
16 (b) heating said decorative enhancement composition and
17 said polyethylene surface to incorporate said
18 decorative enhancement composition into said
19 polyethylene surface and produce a molded
20 polyethylene article having said surface decoratively
21 enhanced by said colorant.

48. The method of Claim 47 wherein said molded polyethylene article is a
preformed, rotationally molded polyethylene article.

49. The method of Claim 48 wherein said combining step is accomplished
by applying said decorative enhancement composition to said preformed rotationally
molded polyethylene article.

50. **(Amended)** The method of Claim 49 wherein said heating step is accomplished by heating said decorative enhancement composition and said surface of the preformed rotationally molded polyethylene article to fuse said decorative enhancement composition into said surface.

51. The method of Claim 47 wherein said liquid carrier comprises 20 to 90 weight percent of said decorative enhancement composition.

52. **(Amended)** The method of Claim 47 wherein said colorant, said binder solid and said polyethylene powder collectively comprise 10 to 80 weight percent of said decorative enhancement composition.

53. **(Amended)** The method of claim 52 wherein said colorant comprises 9 to 50 weight percent of colorant, binder solid and polyethylene, and said binder and said polyethylene powder collectively comprises 50 to 91 weight percent of colorant, binder solid and polyethylene.

55. **(Amended)** The method of Claim 53 wherein said polyethylene powder has a density from 0.88 to 0.97 grams/cubic centimeter and a particle size no greater than 140 microns.

Please add the following claims:

1 56. A method for decorative enhancement of a polyethylene surface of a
2 molded polyethylene article, which method comprises the steps of:
3 (a) combining a decorative enhancement composition and
4 said polyethylene surface wherein said decorative
5 enhancement composition consists essentially of:
6 (1) an inert organic solvent that provides the

decorative enhancement composition with a consistency and viscosity for liquid methods of application;

(2) a colorant to impart a surface color;

(3) a binder solid selected from the class consisting of aromatic and aliphatic hydrocarbon resins, waxes, rosins, and terpene-based resins; and

(4) polyethylene powder; and

(b) heating said decorative enhancement composition and said polyethylene surface to blend said decorative enhancement composition into said polyethylene surface and produce a molded polyethylene article having said surface decoratively enhanced by said colorant.

57. A method for decorative enhancement of a polyethylene surface of a molded polyethylene article, which method comprises the steps of:

(a) combining a decorative enhancement composition and said polyethylene surface wherein said decorative enhancement composition consists essentially of:

(1) an inert organic solvent that provides the decorative enhancement composition with a consistency and viscosity for liquid methods of application;

(2) a colorant to impart a surface color;

(3) a binder solid selected from the class consisting of aromatic and aliphatic hydrocarbon resins, waxes, rosins, and terpene-based resins; and

14 (4) polyethylene powder; and
15 (b) heating said decorative enhancement composition and
16 said polyethylene surface to mix said decorative
17 enhancement composition into said polyethylene
18 surface and produce a molded polyethylene article
19 having said surface decoratively enhanced by said
20 colorant.

1 58. A method for decorative enhancement of a polyethylene surface of a
2 molded polyethylene article, which method comprises the steps of:

3 (a) combining a decorative enhancement composition and
4 said polyethylene surface wherein said decorative
5 enhancement composition consists essentially of:
6 (1) an inert organic solvent that provides the
7 decorative enhancement composition with a
8 consistency and viscosity for liquid methods of
9 application;
10 (2) a colorant to impart a surface color;
11 (3) a binder solid selected from the class consisting of
12 aromatic and aliphatic hydrocarbon resins, waxes,
13 rosins, and terpene-based resins; and
14 (4) polyethylene powder; and
15 (b) heating said decorative enhancement composition and
16 said polyethylene surface to fuse said decorative
17 enhancement composition into said polyethylene
18 surface and produce a molded polyethylene article
19 having said surface decoratively enhanced by said
20 colorant.

